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SUBJ: TRAVEL OF ON. GIORGIO NAPOLITANO--PRESS GUIDANCE

1. AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, THE EMBASSY HAS ISSUED A VISA TO ON. GIORGIO NAPOLITANO, A MEMBER OF THE SECRETARIAT OF THE ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY (PCI) AND THE PCI'S SENIOR ECONOMIC SPOKESMAN, WHO INTENDS TO ARRIVE IN THE UNITED STATES ON PARIL 3 FOR A TWO WEEK LECTURE TOUR. ACCORDING TO OUR INFORMATION NAPOLITANO WILL VISIT NEW YORK, NEW HAVEN, BOSTON, PRINCETON AND WASHINGTON DURING HIS AMERICAN SOJOURN.

2. SINCE NAPOLITANO WILL BE THE MOST SENIOR PCI OFFICIAL TO VISIT THE UNITED STATES, THE EMBASSY HAS PREPARED THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FOLLOWING GUIDANCE FOR UTILIZATION IN THE EVENT THAT WE RECEIVE PRESS INQUIRIES ABOUT HIS TRIP.

Q. CAN YOU CONFIRM REPORTS THAT ON. GIORGIO NAPOLITANO HAS BEEN ISSUED AN AMERICAN VISA?

A. YES, ON. NAPOLITANO WAS ISSUED A VISA ON MARCH 20 WHICH WILL PERMIT HIM TO ENTER THE UNITED STATES TO

UNDERTAKE A PRIVATE LECTURE TOUR.

Q. DOES THE ISSUANCE OF A VISA TO ON NAPOLITANO REPRESENT A DEPARTURE FROM PREVIOUS VISA PRACTICES OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT?

A. NO. THE ISSUANCE OF A VISA TO ON. NAPOLITANO IS IN CONFORMITY WITH THE WORLD-WIDE VISA POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT. WE WOULD NOTE THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS POLICY, OTHER SENIOR OFFICIALS OF THE ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY HAVE ALREADY TRAVELED TO THE UNITED STATES AS WELL AS SENIOR OFFICIALS OF OTHER NON-RULING COMMUNIST PARTIES INCLUDING SPAINISH SECRETARY SANTIAGO CARRILLO.

Q. WILL ON. NAPOLITANO HAVE ANY MEETINGS WITH UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS DURING HIS TRAVELS IN THE UNITED STATES?

A. ON. NAPOLITANO IS ON A PRIVATE TRIP TO THE UNITED STATES WHICH HE HAS ORGANIZED IN CONJUNCTION WITH HIS SPONSORS IN THE UNITED STATES. IT IS NOT ANTICIPATED THAT HE WILL HAVE MEETINGS WITH ANY EXECUTIVE BRANCH OFFICIALS.

3. COMMENT. IF DEPARTMENT HAS ANY PROBLEMS WITH THE WORDING OF THE GUIDANCE, PARTICULARLY THAT USED IN THE RESPONSE TO THE LAST QUESTION, WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING ALTERNATE WORDING SOONEST.GARDNER

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